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ELECTRONIC COHORT DEFAULT RATE NOTIFICATION (eCDR)

What is it?

Beginning with the fiscal year 2001 draft cohort default rate distribution in February of 2003 and continuing for every notification process thereafter, the Department will electronically transmit cohort default rate notification packages to schools via the Student Aid Internet Gateway (SAIG). This electronic process will replace the paper notification process for all Title IV schools located within the United States. Other than the challenge/adjustment/appeal timeframe changes noted below, eCDR does not impact school sanction criteria associated with cohort default rates.

What information will be included in each eCDR package?

Each eCDR package will contain (1) a cover letter, (2) the school's loan record detail information in a reader-friendly report format, and (3) the school's loan record detail information in an analysis-friendly extract format. During each official cycle, the cover letter will indicate any consequences associated with the school's cohort default rate.

How will my school benefit from this new delivery method?

Through eCDR, your school will receive draft and official cohort default rate packages instantly and electronically rather than by hard copy through courier service. eCDR packages will be delivered to the destination point chosen by your school, including a third party servicer if desired. In addition, having the extract format of the loan record detail report instantly available can facilitate your school's participation in the challenge/adjustment/appeal processes and with default prevention activities.

Will eCDR impact my challenge/adjustment/appeal deadlines?

Yes. For each distribution cycle, the IFAP website (<http://www.ifap.ed.gov>) will announce the date when the Department will send the eCDR package to each school's designated SAIG account. Schools will have five business days from the eCDR package distribution date to contact the Department regarding technical difficulties with accessing the eCDR package. After the five-day period lapses, the school cohort default rate challenge, adjustment, and appeal timeframes will automatically begin.

What do I need to do to ensure that my school is ready to participate?

All domestic schools will need to sign-up to participate in eCDR via the SAIG enrollment form. Starting in October 2002, the form will be available at <http://www.sfawebenroll.ed.gov>. School users who sign up for eCDR will be required to submit the President/CEO/Chancellor signature page before the eCDR function will be added.